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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-13, 15, 17, and 18 remain in this application. Claims 2, 14, 16, 19, and 20 have been canceled.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 1, 3-12, 16, and 18 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Claim 13, as amended, overcomes the 35 U.S.C. 102(a) rejection because it has been amended to include the limitations of the previous claims 14 and 16.

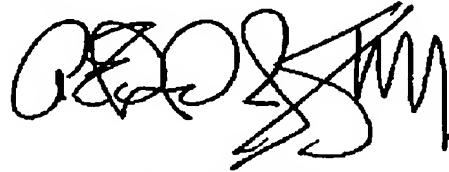
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that:

Claims 1, 3-13, 15, 17, and 18, as amended, recite distinctions that are of patentable merit under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) for the independent claims and thus for each dependent claim as well.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,




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